

DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

SAND TRANSFER PLANT REHABILITATION AND ADDITION OF SECOND DISCHARGE POINT AND PERMANENT BOOSTER PUMP LAKE WORTH INLET PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

I have reviewed the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed action. This Finding incorporates by reference all discussions and conclusions contained in the Environmental Assessment enclosed hereto. Based on information analyzed in the EA, reflecting pertinent information obtained from agencies having jurisdiction by law and/or special expertise, I conclude that the proposed action will not significantly impact the quality of the human environment and does not require an Environmental Impact Statement. Reasons for this conclusion are in summary:

a. The proposed rehabilitation would occur within the existing footprint of the Lake Worth Inlet sand transfer plant. A second discharge point for the plant and permanent booster pump would also be constructed. The work may affect nesting sea turtles and therefore, the appropriate protection measures shall be implemented.

b. Pending completion of coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service, the proposed actions will be in compliance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. Our determination is that the work will not jeopardize the continued existence of any threatened or endangered species or adversely impact any designated "critical habitat."

c. State water quality standards would be met. Certification of water quality from the state of Florida would be obtained pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

d. Pending the State's concurrence with the Coastal Zone Consistency Determination (Appendix II of the EA), the action is consistent with the State's CZM programs.

e. The Florida State Historic Preservation Officer concurred with the Corps determination that historical properties would not be affected.

f. Measures to eliminate, reduce, or avoid potential impacts to fish and wildlife resources would be implemented during project construction.

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